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NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 41.31, Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the final rejection of claims 1-8 and 17-19 of the above-identified application, as set forth in the Office Action mailed October 12, 2006.

Please charge our Deposit Account No. 13-2725 in the amount of \$500.00 to cover the required fee for filing this Notice of Appeal as set forth under 37 C.F.R. § 41.20(b)(1).

Additionally, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees as set forth in §§ 38 CFR 1.16 to 1.18 which may be required for entry of these papers or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

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